

**LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS
OF ODAWA INDIANS
NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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LTBB SUBSISTENCE NET PROGRAM POLICY

Via the funding received from the 2000 Consent Decree the Natural Resource Commission desires to provide eligible Little Traverse Bay Band Of Odawa Indians tribal members with the opportunity to gain Great Lakes fishing experience by providing eligible tribal fisherman with commercial grade gill net and associated support gear.

1. The gill nets and associated support gear shall be made available to eligible tribal members on first come first serve basis. The Natural Resource Department will maintain an accurate and up to date list.
2. Eligible tribal members will be provided a maximum of 300 feet of large mesh (50 meshes deep) and associated support gear including a one (1) fish boxes or net tote and two (2) staff buoys. Tribal members will be responsible for any line that may be necessary, anchors, buoy hardware and staff buoy flagging.
3. Eligibility:
 - a) Must be a Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Member.
 - b) Must have valid LTBB Great Lakes Subsistence Fishing License.
 - c) Commercial Captain and Commercial helpers license are not eligible.
 - d) Must have proof of access to a fishing vessel.
 - e) Must have proof of proper safety gear.
 - f) Must not be currently incarcerated.
4. The LTBB fisher shall sign a properly executed Subsistence Net (distribution) Agreement for the LTBB Subsistence Net Funding Project Via the 2000 Consent Decree Funds before taking possession of the nets and associated support gear.
5. Subsistence Net Distribution Agreements shall be for a maximum term of three years. Tribal members who remain in good standing through the term of the agreement will be allowed to keep all issued nets and gear.
6. Tribal members who enter into a Subsistence Net Distribution Agreement are required to maintain a valid Great Lake Subsistence Fishing license and must make continued commitment to actively use those nets throughout the term of the agreement.

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7. Great Lake Subsistence Fishing license holders are required as condition of their license to submit monthly catch reports. Failure to file a catch reports will be grounds for the termination of the agreement causing all distributed nets and gear in to returned to LTBB.
8. Should the LTBB fisher become incarcerated during the term of the agreement the agreement may be terminated causing all distributed nets and gear in to be returned to LTBB.
9. Should it be determined that the fisher is not properly maintaining or is abusing the issued nets or associated support gear the agreement may be terminated causing all distributed nets and gear in to returned to LTBB.
10. The LTBB fisher must abide and comply with all the terms and conditions of the afore mentioned subsistence net distribution agreement.
11. The LTBB fisher must abide and comply with any applicable policies of the LTBB Natural Resource Commission or Department.
12. Failure to comply with the above policy directives and conditions is grounds for the LTBB Natural Resource Department to terminate the subsistence net distribution agreement.
13. Subject to available funding.
14. Tribal members shall only be allowed to participate once in the subsistence net program.
15. All interested LTBB fishers should contact the LTBB Natural Resource Department for information or to be placed on the eligibility list.